SSI Program

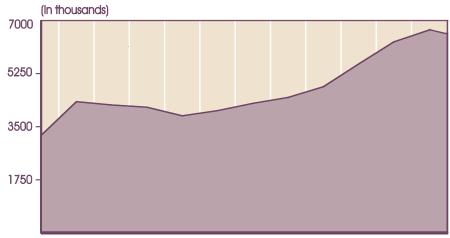
SSI Recipients

Historical comparison, 1974–98. Shortly after the SSI program began in 1974, the number of persons receiving federally administered payments rose to 4 million. It remained at about that level until the mid-1980's, and then rose through the mid-1990's. In 1998, it stood at 6.6 million.

Persons receiving federally administered SSI payments

Year	Total number (in thousands)
1974	. 3,216
1976	. 4,326
1978	. 4,217
1980	. 4,142
1982	. 3,858
1984	. 4,029
1986	
1988	. 4,464
1990	. 4,817
1992	. 5,566
1994	. 6,296
1996	. 6,614
1998	6,566

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1974 1976 1978 1980 1982 1984 1986 1988 1990 1992 1994 1996 1998